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EXCERPTS FROM THE DEVIL'S DICTIONARY

By Thomas Addison, of the Vigilantes.
Pro-German.—A wart developed by the war; dangerous unless speedily removed.

Slacker.—One who is willing to "let George do it," a plain coward.

Exemptionist.—One who suddenly discovers that he has dependants whom he never gave a thought to before; a hard-boiled egg turned soft.

Pacifist.—A peace bargain hunter; one who would explain away an insult to his mother.

Profitteer.—A thief in broadcloth. C. O.—Abbreviation of Conscientious Objector; one who quotes the Bible to sustain his position, and neglects to quote it where it puts him in the wrong.

Peace Talk.—Pink pabulum for pale "patriots."

Sedition.—One of the fine arts practiced by the Pro-German press of America.

Bluff.—A German name for American valor; also a steep headland, such as precipitated certain swine into the sea and destroyed them.

Freedom of the Press.—A license to vilify America and get away with it; to abuse a generous confidence.

Status Quo Ante.—A German quack medicine to relieve the patient of artillary sclerosis; made only in Berlin.

Boche.—A butcher; disqualified by law for (international) jury duty.

Kaiserism.—A disease requiring certain powerful powders and pellets to eliminate.

Autocracy.—The right to do as you d— please, and ask a blessing on it. See me and Gott.

DSJordan.—A doctor of something; one who pours peace drugs of which he knows little into bodies politic of which he knows less. (Apologies to M. Voltaire.)

Submarine.—An American invention perfected in Germany, and perverted into a tool for the murder of women and children.

Hell.—A "Made in Germany" trademark.

STOLE A MARCH

J. Perry Welch and Miss Emma H. Turley stole a march on their many friends by motoring over to DeSoto, where they were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Heys of that place. The bride is the only daughter of Ed Turley of Coffman, Ste. Genevieve county, Mo. The groom is an extensive farmer of Washington county. These young people number their friends by their acquaintances. They left on an afternoon train for a short honeymoon, after which they will be at home to their friends who extend many good wishes for their future.

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"Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy was used by my father about a year ago when he had diarrhoea. It relieved him immediately and by taking three doses he was absolutely cured. He has great faith in this remedy," writes Mrs. W. H. Williams, Stanley, N. Y. Obtainable everywhere. (adv.)

SURVEY TO BE MADE OF COUNTRY SCHOOLS

During the last session of the Missouri General Assembly a suggestion was made that a survey of the country schools of Missouri be undertaken. The purpose was to have a concrete statement from reliable sources as to the physical condition of the country schools, their organization and support, the preparation of the teachers in them, and the character and quality of instruction. The matter received favorable consideration from those to whom it was proposed. After the session adjourned, Gov. Gardner wrote to State Superintendent of Schools Lamkin, suggesting that all the educational interests in the State co-operate in making such a study and investigation, and suggesting further that it would be well for the people of Missouri to know just how efficient their country school system is.

In accordance with this plan, the Missouri State Teachers' Association appointed a committee consisting of Uel W. Lawkin, Chairman, Hon. W. K. James of Andrew county, Lieut. Governor Wallace Crossley, Mr. Geo. Melcher, Kansas City, Supt. Herbert Pryor of Mexico and Supt. C. E. Burton of Wayne county to have charge of this work. They elected Mr. A. G. Capps as secretary. The Association, together with the State Superintendent of Schools, the University and Normal Schools, Colleges of the Missouri College Union and public school people generally have undertaken the work, not with the idea of proving any pet theory or of finding out any one particular thing. It is an investigation by Missourians of our own school system with the idea of making the good better, and of improving conditions where they should be improved.

The co-operation of commercial organizations, women's clubs, the newspapers, the church and all interested in the public schools of the State is desired. Either Mr. A. G. Capps, Columbia, the secretary of the committee, or the State Superintendent, Uel W. Lamkin, Jefferson City, will be glad to give any information concerning the matter.

OBITUARY

William B. Benton was born in Henderson county, Tenn., on July 22, 1835, and departed this life at Knob Lick, St. Francois county, Mo., on Sept. 12, 1917, being, at the time of his death, 82 years, one month and twenty days old.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Chas. Canterbury at the church, after which the body was laid to rest in the Knob Lick cemetery. Wife of the deceased and her son, Chas. Tiner and wife, wish to thank the people for their kindness during the hours of trouble.

Has a High Opinion of Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I have a high opinion of Chamberlain's Tablets for biliousness and as a laxative," writes Mrs. C. A. Barnes, Charleston, Ill. "I have never found anything so mild and pleasant to use. My brother has also used these tablets with satisfactory results." Obtainable everywhere. (adv.)

SELECT SEED CORN FOR BIG YIELD

The cardinal rule for selecting seed corn in the field is: select the ears of plants that yield more grain than surrounding plants grown under the same conditions. In gathering seed corn by this rule two points must be observed. The first point is to pay no attention to fine looking plants which are growing in wide spaces, where the stand is thin, or in spots unusually fertile or moist. The good appearance of such plants may be due to their favorable location and not to their natural tendency to produce a good yield. Always select the seed from plants which are growing under average conditions of all kinds. If, then, unusual plants are found, it is certain that their good yield is due only to their own capacity to make such a yield. These plants will repeat their performance in another year. The second point to be observed is in avoiding the selection of fine looking ears which are not borne by high yielding plants. It is easy to make this mistake, for the natural tendency of the unpracticed selector is to consider a good looking ear good for seed. Many poor seed ears would be gathered if this tendency were allowed to influence the selection, for while it is true that good seed ears are usually good looking, it by no means follows that all good looking ears are good for seed. It must be clearly borne in mind, says the department of farm crops of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, that seed corn is selected for the kind of ears that will yield the most grain. These may or may not be the kind that would make a high score as show corn. The selection of show corn is based mainly on certain fancy points of the ear which do not call for special consideration in the selection of seed corn. To repeat: seed corn should be selected from plants which yield the most grain, regardless of the appearance of the ears, provided they are sound and mature.

Among plants which are equal in yield, it is also advisable to pay attention to the form of the plant. Short, thick stalks, with ears set at a medium distance from the ground are desirable, for such stalks are not easily broken down or blown over, and the ears are at a convenient height for husking. But too much attention should never be given to any special character of the plant other than yield, for it is possible to produce by selection a highly developed peculiarity of the plant which will lower its yield.

It is advisable to gather two or three times the quantity of seed that will be needed, so that further careful selection can be made of the ears that are in the proper condition for storing. The ears selected for storing should be solid and heavy for their size. Solidity indicates thorough maturity; weight indicates a high percentage of grain. All ears with big snappy cobs should be thrown out; also should those which show signs of early decay.

The way in which the seed is actually gathered in the field is best left to the convenience of the individual farmer. It makes no difference how this is done so long as the rules for selection herein given are observed. The main thing is to make this selection.

M. U. SEEKS WAY OF FOOD CONTROL

Missouri is reported to have more land subject to overflow than any other State in the Union. It has been estimated that more than 3 million acres of land in the State are subject to crop failure on account of occasional high water. This is a matter of so much importance that the University of Missouri has been for fifteen years keeping careful records of stream flow in different parts of the State in order to get information upon which it may be possible to plan some scheme of flood control. The information thus obtained is valuable with reference to flood control and also in its bearing on the possible development of power for industrial uses. The extent of water resources for public water supplies will also be made known.

The State should, in the near future, adopt a definite and comprehensive plan to reclaim its swamp lands and thus increase the agricultural resources materially beyond their present extent. An extensive drainage project was recently completed in Southeastern Missouri along the St. Francois river and other streams that will bring into productive use many thousands of acres of first class agricultural lands.

In addition to the reclamation of swamps and overflowed land much can be done to improve low lands for agricultural uses by the installation of systems of drain tiling. This can be made of most effect only by careful and systematic effort and on a comprehensive scale. Closely allied to the problems of drainage is the possibility and economy of developing the clay resources of the State and using them in the manufacture of drain tile so that the expense of drainage projects may be reduced.—Dean E. J. McCaustland of the School of Engineering of the University of Missouri.

AMERICA'S OBJECT

"The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of the vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government which, having secretly planned to dominate the world, proceeded to carry the plan out without regard either to the sacred obligations of treaty or the long established practices and long cherished principles of international action and honor; which chose its own time for the war; delivered its blow fiercely and suddenly; stopped at no barrier either of law or of mercy; swept a whole continent within the tide of blood—not the blood of soldiers only, but the blood of innocent women and children also and of the helpless poor; and now stands balked but not defeated, the enemy of four-fifths of the world."—From President Wilson's reply to the Pope.

Interesting Letter

A very interesting letter was received this week from a leading business man of Cleveland, O., and in view of his having traveled over so large a portion of the United States, devoting over three months to the trip, the following excerpts are very timely:

"I have just returned from a fourteen weeks' Chautauqua tour, which began in North Carolina early in June and has taken me through twelve Eastern and Southern States and part of one Canadian Province.

"The American people are not yet alive to the industrial and commercial situation which has been brought about as a result of the war. It is the patriotic duty of the American people to see to it that TWICE as many boys and girls attend Commercial and Industrial schools this year as before. I consider it the patriotic duty of a million young women to come from the good homes of this country and immediately equip themselves with commercial training that will enable them to go into the business offices and do the work that otherwise would be left undone.

"It is almost impossible for business concerns at the present time to get competent bookkeepers and stenographers. What will the situation be six months from now when hundreds of thousands more of our young men will be taken out of commercial life? Much business in this country is going to be strangled because of the inability to get competent office help.

"The United States is facing a real opportunity now. Will we arise to the occasion?"

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LUNATIC BLEW OFF JAIL LOCKS WITH NITROGLYCERINE

Martin Spohrhauser, who some time ago was arrested at Commerce for threatening to kill two people, who was jailed here and later sent to Pemiscot county as an insane patient and from there was taken to Farmington, made his appearance in Benton again Saturday, he having torn off enough bars from a window at the insane asylum to permit his escape. Spohrhauser returned to Benton hoping that Sheriff Sneed, whom he took a fancy to, would go back to Farmington with him and arrest all the officials at Farmington, stating they had not treated him right. Martin seemed disappointed when instead of helping him Mr. Sneed placed him in jail.

During Saturday night he succeeded in breaking two locks at the jail. Sunday morning when the sheriff entered the building a negro said: "Boss, dat man am suah a bad man, he dun broke de locks on de windows." The negro said the lunatic had nitroglycerine sewed into his belt and took out enough to break the locks and blow several bricks out of the wall, but had not made headway enough to escape.

C. A. Doubt of Farmington, arrived Saturday night and took Spohrhauser back to the asylum the following day. It is probable a close watch will be placed on him from now on.—Benton Democrat.

MISSOURI SOYBEANS BEST

The soybean is one of the latest additions to the Missouri crop family. It is a promising member and bids fair to a popular career. The University of Missouri College of Agriculture is testing eighty-four varieties of soybeans on the experiment fields at Columbia, in co-operation with the United States Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture asked the college to co-operate in testing a number of selections of soybeans last spring. These selections were from a large number of varieties imported by the department. The department and the college are trying to determine the best varieties among these selections for Missouri conditions. In addition the cultural methods of soybeans and associated growth of soybeans and corn are being studied.

W. J. Morse, in charge of soybean investigations for the United States Department of Agriculture, visited the experimental plots in Columbia recently. He has been visiting various test fields all over the country and said that the soybeans at the Missouri College were as good as any he had seen—that they were equal to those in the soybean growing districts of the country. Mr. Morse said that the crop in Missouri seemed to produce more seed in proportion to the other plant parts than it does in the South and East.

The College of Agriculture is furnishing data on the results of these soybean tests to the Department of Agriculture. In return the department furnishes data from all over the country to the college.

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Fifteen years ago a Missouri boy went home from the Short Course and rented three acres of neglected orchard from his father. He pruned and sprayed the trees according to the methods he had learned, and worked for neighbors when he was not needed at home. A few years later he bought 40 acres of land and planted 15 acres in orchard. His trees have borne five crops, which have given him a net profit of \$407 an acre after deducting fair wages for himself, his teams and other operating expenses. He now owns a 420-acre farm valued at nearly \$60,000. This year he is planting 30 acres more orchard.

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